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1. US SIDE PREPARED TO RECEIVE SKLYAROV GROUP ARRIVING NOVEMBER 18. HOWEVER, US WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN BECKLER NOTES THAT BASIC OBJECTIVE OF JOINT WORKING GROUP MEETING IS TO PREPARE AGREED PLAN IN TIME FOR PRESENTATION TO JOINT COMMISSION. WE EXPECT THAT JOINT COMMISSION WILL REACH THIS AGENDA ITEM LATE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 18, OR EARLY THURSDAY MORNING, AND BECKLER AND PRESUMABLY HIS COUNTERPART WOULD BE THERE TO MAKE PRESENTATION. WE ASSUME THEREFORE THAT SKLYAROV WOULD WISH TO DEPART NEW YORK SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 25, FOR RETURN TO MOSCOW, SINCE WEDNESDAY DEPARTURE WOULD BE TOO LATE. BECKLER HIMSELF INTENDS TO DEPART ON WEEKEND EN ROUTE TO MOSCOW. THUS JOINT WORKING GROUP REPORT
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MUST BE COMPLETED BY ABOUT FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 23.

2. SKLYAROV GROUP SHOULD ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THANKS-GIVING DAY IS FAMILY HOLIDAY, WITH NO MEETINGS TO BE ARRANGED THAT DAY. MOST US WORKING GROUP MEMBERS WILL HAVE TO LEAVE WASHINGTON WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN ORDER TO RETURN TO HOMES FOR THANKSGIVING.

3. ACCORDINGLY, BECKLER PROPOSES FOLLOWING PLAN:.
(A) JOINT MEETINGS (OF FULL GROUP AND THEN SUBCOMMITTEES) IN WASHINGTON MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 19-21), WITH COMPLETION OF ALL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS, IF POSSIBLE, BY COB WEDNESDAY. (B) BECKLER AND SKLYAROV TO COMPLETE OVERALL JOINT WORKING GROUP REPORT, IF POSSIBLE, BY FRIDAY NIGHT. (C) MEANWHILE, SOVIET GROUP MINUS SKLYAROV TO FLY TO SAN FRANCISCO THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, AND MAKE WHATEVER VISITS CAN BE ARRANGED THERE ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MORNING. THEN FLY TO BOSTON SUNDAY AND VISIT MIT AND OTHER BOSTON SITES MONDAY. THEN FLY TO NEW YORK AREA FOR APPROPRIATE VISITS TUESDAY, WITH DEPARTURE FOR MOSCOW WEDNESDAY.

4. US SIDE WILL DEFER ANY ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING ABOVE PROPOSED SCHEDULE PENDING SOVIET REACTION, WHICH WE WILL NEED BY OPENING OF BUSINESS HERE MONDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 12, AT THE LATEST, REQUEST SCIATT DISCUSS FOREGOING WITH SKLAROV URGENTLY.,.
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